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1. ATMOSPHERICS:

-- GREAT CHINA EVENING NEWS (TA HUA WAN PAO; 60,000)
SPECULATION THAT U.S. TO WITHDRAW FROM JOINT
COMMISSION FOR RURAL RECONSTRUCTION (JCRR) FOLLOWED NEXT
DAY WITH STORIES MAJOR PAPERS. IN PREPARED STATEMENT
EMBASSY SPOKESMAN QUOTED AS SAYING THAT AGREEMENT ON JCRR
STILL IN EFFECT, BUT THAT IT APPROPRIATE TWO GOVERNMENTS
DISCUSS FUTURE OF AGREEMENT. ROC OFFICIAL DENIED JCRR
CONNECTED WITH NORMALIZATION QUESTION. GREAT CHINA
EVENING NEWS REPORTED THAT JCRR AGREEMENT AND AMERICAN
PARTICIPATION EXISTS IN NAME ONLY SINCE AMERICAN AID
TERMINATED. BUT PAPER POINTED TO DIFFERENCE OF MUTUAL
DEFENSE TREATY WHICH CANNOT BE ABROGATED WITHOUT SENATE
APPROVAL. UNITED DAILY NEWS (LIEN HO PAO; 600,000)
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EDITORIAL FELT U.S. WITHDRAWAL FROM JCRR WOULD MAKE NO
DIFFERENCE OPERATION THAT ORGANIZATION.

-- ALL PAPERS FRONT-PAGED CNA WASHINGTON DISPATCH ON
CURRENT ISSUE AVIATION WEEK AND SPACE TECHNOLOGY THAT
NORTHROP AIRCRAFT COMPLETED PRELIMINARY DESIGN FOR HIGH
PERFORMANCE SINGLE ENGINE F-5 FIGHTER PLANE TO PROVIDE

ROC WITH ALL WEATHER INTERCEPTOR. ALSO SAID PLANE IS DESIGNED TO CARRY LARGE SPARROW MISSILES AT REQUEST OF DEPT. OF DEFENSE AND NORTHROP WILL ASK STATE DEPT. TO CLEAR PLANE FOR SALE TO ROC IF ROC FINDS IT ACCEPTABLE.

-- NORMALIZATION CONTINUED TO BE DISCUSSED IN ALL PAPERS. UNITED DAILY NEWS EDITORIAL FELT THAT U.S. SHOULD TELL PRC NORMALIZATION MUST PROCEED UNDER CONDITION THAT PRESENT U.S.-ROC RELATIONS NOT CHANGED.

-- RESOLUTIONS BY VARIOUS LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND GROUPS GIVEN PROMINENT COVERAGE TO SHOW U.S. GRASS ROOTS SUPPORT FOR ROC. MOST PAPERS CARRIED CNA DISPATCH ON JOSEPH KRAFT'S ARTICLES URGING SLOW DOWN OF NORMALIZATION.

-- CHINA TIMES (CHUNG KUO SHIH PAO; 530,000) QUOTED VISITING SENATOR EASTLAND AS SAYING THAT ROC HAS MANY FRIENDS IN U.S., AND AMERICAN PEOPLE AND CONGRESS SUPPORT ROC. IN SAME VEIN WIDE COVERAGE GIVEN AMERICAN LEGION RESOLUTION SUPPORTING ROC.

-- HUA KUO-FENG'S TRIP TO EUROPE FRONT-PAGED IN ALL PAPERS WITH WIRE SERVICE DISPATCHES.

-- SINO-AMERICAN TRADE TALKS NOTED ALL PAPERS WITH UNITED DAILY NEWS SAYING AGREEMENT EXPECTED IN OCTOBER AFTER SEPTEMBER ROUND OF TALKS IN WASHINGTON.

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2. PROGRAM ACTIVITIES:

-- TAINAN ARTIST AND ART CRITIC TSENG PEI-YAO LECTURED ON "CURRENT TRENDS IN AMERICAN KINEMSHIP" AT LINCOLN CENTER THIS WEEK. AUDIENCE OF EIGHTY LISTENED TO HIS EXPLANATION OF HOW JACKSON POLLOCK INFLUENCED SUCH ARTISTS AS HELEN FRANKENTHALER, SOME OF WHOSE WORKS WILL BE SHOWN LINCOLN CENTER NEXT MONTH. TSENG USED SLIDES FROM THE UPCOMING FRANKENTHALER EXHIBIT.

-- ICA KAOHSIUNG GAVE BIG BOOST TO TRADE PROMOTION LAST WEEK BY COMPLETING ALMOST ALL ARRANGEMENTS FOR EIGHT-MAN "U.S. COMMERCIAL FISHING EQUIPMENT TRADE MISSION" IN THAT DOWNISLAND CITY. FIRST MORNING OF TWO-DAY SESSION SAW SEVENTY MEMBERS FISHERMEN'S ASSOCIATION AT ICA KAOHSIUNG FOR PRESENTATION BY MISSION PARTICIPANTS. THAT EVENING EIGHTY, INCLUDING MOST MAJOR FIGURES IN LOCAL FISHING INDUSTRY, ATTENDED RECEPTION AT USICA HOSTED BY ECONOMIC COUNSELOR. AYERS

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